over India and Government extended financial support to some Institutions of repute for conducting such seminars.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Freedom Fighters' pension cases

*205. DR. BAPU KALDATE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what was the total number of cases of freedom fighters' pension pending as on 31st March, 1990;

(b) what was the number of such pending cases from Maharashtra;

(c) what are the main reasons for the delay in granting pensions to freedom fighters; and

(d) what steps are being taken to expedite the clearance of these cases?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MUFTI MOHAMMED SAYEED): (a) Out of the applications received by the Ministry of Home Affairs by the due dates, only 284 cases of freedom fighters' pension were pending on 31-3-1990.

(b) The number of cases from Maharashtra was 12.

(c) and (d) In 254 cases, the recommendations of the Non-Official Screening Committee, constituted to scrutinise applications received from the participants of Arya Samaj Movement, 1938-39 were received only recently. In the remaining 30 cases, clarifications from the State Governments concerned are awaited. They are being reminded regularly.

Construction of a T.V. studio at Bhubaneswar

*206. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been inordinate delay in the construction of a T.V. Studio at Bhubaneswar;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor;

(c) the steps taken to expedite the construction of that T.V. Studio; and

(d) by when it is expected to be commissioned?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. UPENDRA): (a) to (d) There has been some delay in establishment of the T.V. Studio Centre at Bhubaneswar caused initially by the need to reinvite tenders in respect of execution of civil works and later because of the inadequate availability of cement. Nevertheless, the project is now in its final stage of completion. Work of airconditioning has been awarded. Orders for the Studio equipment have been placed and supply of part equipment already received at site. Whereas efforts are on to operationalise the Studio Centre with limited facilities during the current financial year, the project is expected to become fully operational during 1991-92.

Pak infiltrators hand in Gujarat riots

*207. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that Pakistani infiltrators had a hand in the recent in Gujarat; and

(b) what was the number of persons who have been arrested under Terrorist and Disruptive Activities (Prevention) Act from 1st January, 1990 till 15th April, 1990 in Gujarat?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MUFTI MOHAMMAD SAYEED): (a) Investigations in the recent incidents of communal violance in the State of Gujarat have not